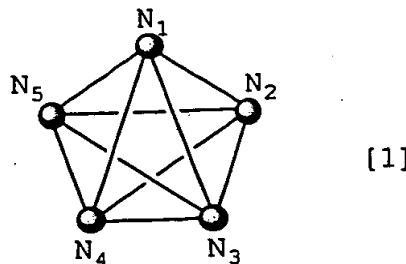


ABSTRACT

A compound or a salt thereof having the atom corresponding to N₃ and the two or more atoms selected from N₁, N₂, N₄ and N₅, said atoms constitute the pharmacophore represented by the following formula:



and inhibits the activity of transcription factor AP-1 and is useful as an agent for preventing and treating the diseases into which over expression of AP-1 participates and as an AP-1 inhibitor.